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Upgrade of Cablecasting Council Meetings Presents Several Issues

by Diane Oberg

City residents could see higher quality broadcasts of city meetings and more meetings could be broadcast if council approves moving forward with a proposal discussed at its January 4 work-session. The proposal will be considered for action at a future council meeting.

The city hired Design and Integration, of Baltimore, to develop a proposal to upgrade its cablecasting capabilities from the council chamber and permit cablecasting the Wednesday worksessions held at the Community Center.

Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau, who selected Design and Integration for this work, said that the company had the best price for the study and that College Park “sang their praises” for the work done for that city.

Andrew Sherer, an engineer with Design and Integration, presented his proposal. The total estimated cost, as proposed, is \$131,235 for the council room and \$76,766 for the Community

Center. This cost could change based upon final design and changes requested by council.

The written proposal states that the upgrade would bring the city into alignment with current high definition standards. The major features in the plan include four ceiling mounted robotic pan-tilt-zoom cameras that can be remotely controlled by a single operator and put out a Blu-ray quality 1080p signal.

In addition, HDMI and VGA inputs at the podium will permit presenters to project from their laptops. The cables strewn around the floor will be eliminated as the new system would use wireless microphones and include wall plates for connections.

The proposal calls for installation of two TV screens: a 60-inch unit with rotating wall mount arm behind the council dais and a 32-inch screen above the clock at the back of the room for viewing by council.

The control room would be redone with a “flypack,” which can be fully integrated into the

production studio or used on its own for remote location shooting. When removed, it will still be possible to broadcast from the council room.

Sherer’s proposal says that the most significant improvement to the council chamber’s infrastructure would be to upgrade the lighting system. The proposal calls for eliminating fluorescent lighting, hanging light fixtures and installing a more professional lighting system. At the meeting, he cautioned that lighting is not his field so the lighting comments are not an official proposal.

Community Center

Sherer’s proposal said that the Multipurpose Room in the Community Center is not very suitable for broadcast applications and called for a new lighting system, acoustic treatment, a backdrop and perhaps a riser, in addition to the actual equipment needed.

Councilmember Judith Davis jumped right to this issue See **CABLECASTING**, page 8

Delegate Washington Resumes Conversation on Color & Class

by Amy S. Hansen



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

The evening’s discussion included panelists (from l to r) Sheila Isong, Hank Stawinski, Kris Marsh and Erek Barron.

State Delegate Alonzo Washington (District 22) came prepared with questions for the panel he was moderating on January 7. With the broad topic of color and class in Prince George’s County, he started the evening off by introducing his expert panel and then asking them to comment on a letter from the Baltimore Sun that took a patronizing tone saying poor black children need to simply try harder.

Panelist Erek Barron, Maryland State Delegate, District 24, shook his head a little as he considered the question. The letter writer, perhaps unwittingly, brought up one of the main sticking points of the evening, namely which pieces of racial bias problems are community-wide issues and which are personal responsibility.

“There is a dearth of employment opportunities,” Barron said, citing statistics for both Baltimore and the nation on underemployed black youth. “It is a systemic problem.” At the same time, individuals, including the letter writer, have a responsibility to practice humanity. “Simply put yourselves in other people’s shoes.”

The evening’s conversation jumped back and forth from general to specific and from systemic problems to individual concerns, but the plea to practice humanity and listen to each other was



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALONZO WASHINGTON

The discussion was led by State Delegate Alonzo Washington.

repeated several times.

Panelists and Logistics

Besides Barron, the panel was made up of Prince George’s County Police Department’s Interim Chief Hank Stawinski; Kris Marsh, Ph.D., a sociologist at the University of Maryland who studies race; and Sheila Isong, the policy manager for Generation Progress, a lobby group that addresses concerns of the millennial generation (18 to 35 year olds).

About 70 people attended the forum in person in Greenbelt’s Council Chambers, including most of Greenbelt’s City Council. Questions were also sent in from people watching the discussion on Washington’s Youtube channel or on the city’s television station. This was the second event

See **WASHINGTON**, page 8

Almost 700 Volunteers Give City \$400,000 Worth of Services

by James Giese

In 2014 the Greenbelt city government was aided by 699 volunteers who worked some 18,000 hours and contributed an estimated valuation for services rendered of nearly \$400,000. This was the summary of a detailed report that Alana Cole-Faber provided to the city staff and council. She had undertaken a year-long part-time study as a contracted city volunteer coordinator during which she assessed what was taking place in the city and how other communities were handling their volunteer programs.

At its January 6 worksession, the Greenbelt City Council discussed the report with Cole-Faber and commented that they

were impressed by the number of residents volunteering and other details of the report. Most councilmembers expressed support for adding a volunteer coordinator to city staff, while one member advocated retaining Cole-Faber’s services until one was budgeted, hired and on board.

Public Works was determined to have the most volunteers (360) working for it. The department has a close working relationship with the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and they have been sharing a grant-funded volunteer coordinator so there has been an overlap in the volunteer participation in the CHEARS and public works activities. Volunteers have undertaken such tasks as pulling English ivy, caging trees to protect them from beavers and clean-up in city parks. The volunteers provided an estimated 2,235 hours of service. The volunteer environmental coordinator works closely with Luisa Robles, the city’s sustainability coordinator.



PHOTO BY KYLA HANINGTON

Anthony Hamm, Jr., dressed as The Green Lantern, works on a drawing. See story on p. 12

While listing

only 35, the volunteers of Greenbelt CARES logged the most hours of service of any department, 5,000. Many are students working as interns in the CARES family counseling program while on their career paths to becoming social work or public health professionals. Some volunteer in the Greenbelt Assistance in Living food distribution program.

The department with the second largest number of volunteers was the Recreation Department, with some 150 providing an estimated 2,500 hours of service. The department had some 30 interns. These volunteers provided customer service, assisted with festivals and events and worked in summer camps. There are also some 30 interns who participated in a stagecraft for teens program.

Boards and Committees

Volunteer members of city boards and committees totaled 47. They served as advisers to the city council. The Planning and Community Development Department and the city manager’s office provide staffing support to these committees.

The Greenbelt Museum operates with a volunteer board as well as 20 to 25 volunteer docents. There also is usually one volunteer intern. The museum employs a coordinator of volunteers. The operation of the See **VOLUNTEERS**, page 11

What Goes On

Monday, January 18

10:30 a.m., Tree Protection Volunteer Event, Public Works (See city ad for details.)

Tuesday, January 19

7 to 9:30 p.m., Darkness to Light’s Stewards of Children Training, Municipal Building (See city ad for details.)

Wednesday, January 20

7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Capital Office Park, Community Center

Thursday, January 21

7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

Saturday, January 23

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

Letters to the Editor

Reconsider FBI

The News Review reported in the January 7 issue that city council has sent a letter to the General Services Administration supporting the relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters to the parking lot of the Greenbelt Metro station. This comes as no surprise, as council has been advocating for the FBI to come to Greenbelt for some time now. I am probably writing this letter too late to be of any impact on what seems to be an unstoppable push to bring the FBI here; however, I have serious reservations about welcoming the FBI to our community.

I agree whole-heartedly with council and other Greenbelters that the current asphalt desert of parking lots surrounding the Metro station is a waste of useful space and harmful to the environment. If nothing else happens on the Metro site, I would like to see Metro construct a parking garage to consolidate the station's parking into a smaller footprint. And, once that's done, I would like to see the former parking lot space used for purposes that enrich and benefit the people of Greenbelt and surrounding communities.

I do not believe that a highly secure federal building provides much or any enrichment or benefit to Greenbelters who do not work for the FBI. Such a building will be a virtual fortress, off-limits to the majority of people living nearby. I question whether the influx of several thousand FBI employees will provide any economic benefit to Greenbelt. Other federal facilities in Prince George's County, such as Joint Base Andrews, the Census Bureau's headquarters in Suitland or the IRS facility in New Carrollton, have not spurred private-sector economic development in their immediate vicinity. Has the Goddard Space Flight Center created new economic benefits to residents of Greenbelt East? Is an impenetrable FBI enclave any better for our community than the impenetrable ex-Kmart across from Goddard?

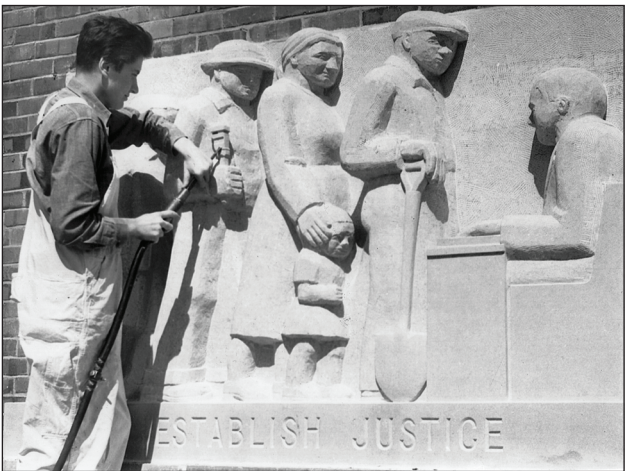
We all want a better Greenbelt. We all want more economic activity, stronger neighborhoods and neighbors, and, to quote our Constitution and a famous local artwork, to "insure domestic tranquility." I disagree with the seeming consensus that ceding part of the city to the FBI is the best way to achieve these goals. I hope council will reconsider.

Mark Cornick

Lenore Thomas Straus Museum Lecture Is Tuesday

On Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum will hold its first lecture of the year. It will accompany the current museum exhibition, The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Exhibition curator Megan Searing Young will give an informal, illustrated talk covering the New Deal artist's early life, influences on her art, her work in Greenbelt and elsewhere and her ongoing

legacy. Light refreshments will be served at this free event, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. In the event of inclement weather, the lecture may be rescheduled; call the city's weather hotline: 301-474-0646. All other questions, call 301-507-6582 or email greenbeltmuseum@gmail.com. The event will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 201.



Lenore Thomas Straus works on one of the bas reliefs which decorate the front of the Community Center, formerly Center School, c. 1937.

Answer to 1/7/16 Swifty:

"I may not be much now but I have a secret plan to be promoted to five-star general within ten years," he confided PRIVATEly.

Check out this week's Kids' Section on page 9.

Corrections

The cost of a proposed pedestrian overpass at the South Core of Greenbelt Station was incorrectly reported in the story New Concept for Phase III of South Core Presented for Council Review by Kathleen Gallagher in last week's issue. The estimated cost is four to eight million dollars according to project attorney Norman Rivera.

In last week's story about champion trees by Amy Hansen we misspelled Worcester County.

Are You Looking For Your Letter?

If you don't see it, it could be because you didn't sign it and didn't give us a telephone number where we could reach you.

All letters must be signed and the letter writer's name, address and telephone number should be typed or clearly printed.

All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste and clarity. Letters are considered accepted when published.

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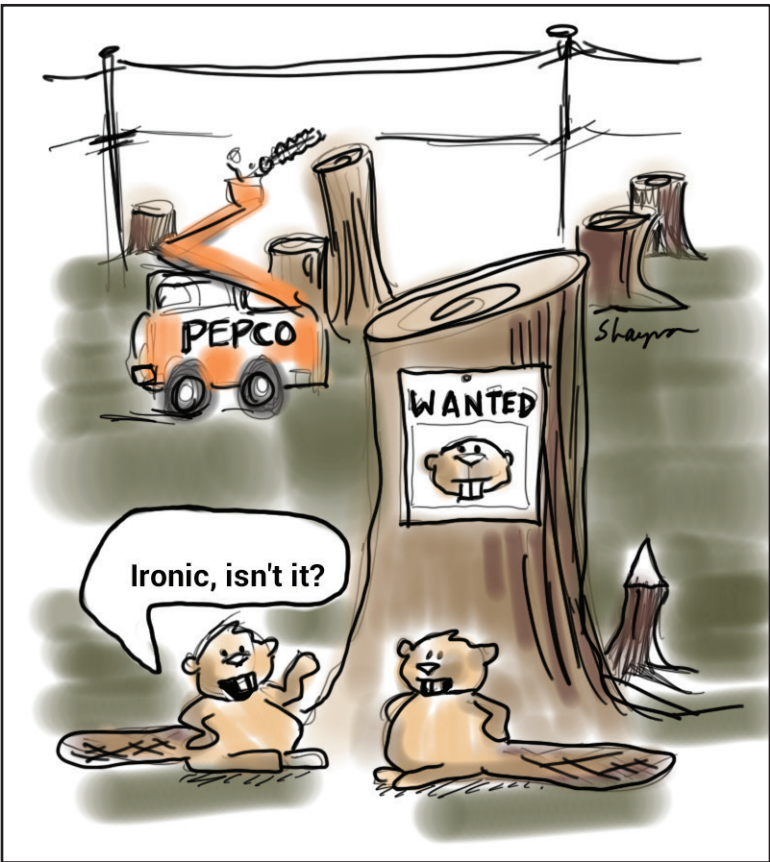
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Senior/Student \$8, Kids \$6
Members receive a \$1 discount on all shows after 5:00 PM
All shows before 5 PM:
Adults \$7, Kids \$5
OC = Open Captions
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SHOWTIMES
Jan 15 – Jan 22

CAROL
(R) (CC) (116 m.)
Fri. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Sat. 3:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Sun. 12:30 PM (OC), 3:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Mon. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Wed. 3:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM

Cult Series:
ALIEN (1979)
(R) (117 m.)
Fri. 11:00 PM

Family Series:
THE KING AND I (1956)
(G) (133 m.)
Sat. 11:00 AM



City Notes

Refuse/recycling/sustainability crews collected 29.57 tons of refuse and 14.13 tons of recyclable material and cleaned up recycling from the food distribution at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Facilities maintenance crews took up the flooring at the main entrance of the Community Center to expose the natural steps underneath the old tile, performed a Pepco street light inspection and adjusted and reprogrammed the heat in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center gymnasium.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 -10 p.m.

Community Events

Democratic Club Hosts Annapolis Trip

On Monday, January 18, Maryland’s 22nd Legislative District Team will sponsor its annual trip to Annapolis to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. The local Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, along with Pamela Powers of the state legislative team, has arranged for a bus leaving from the Greenbelt library parking lot at 5 p.m. sharp. Arrive at the parking lot no later than 4:45 p.m. to assure seat availability. There is a nominal fee. To reserve a seat, call Powers at 301-858-3058.

The event, which includes a dinner provided by Three Brothers Restaurant, features Maryland state representatives of the 22nd Legislative District. Delegates Washington, Healey and Gaines, as well as State Senator Pinsky, will provide insights on the legislative session and thoughts regarding the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Comments are followed by a keynote speaker (someone who has contributed to our area’s quality of life).

Following dinner and speeches, attendees can observe the Maryland General Assembly in action from the State House galleries.

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club welcomes new members. For more information about the club and its activities, call 202-321-4207.

- Konrad Herling

Exploring Rosa Parks, MLK, Civil Rights

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Dr. Eva Griffin on Friday, January 15. Her presentation will be an interactive learning experience utilizing several exciting classroom activities. Participants will first view an inspirational movie about the life of Rosa Parks, the rise of Martin Luther King, and the importance of the Montgomery Bus Boycott to the Civil Rights Movement. Next, they will read and respond to a memoir written by Coretta Scott King detailing the events of the Montgomery Boycott. Discussion and writing will be utilized so that participants come away with a richer and more detailed understanding of the Civil Rights Movement in America.

Griffin received her Ed.D. from George Washington University and has been an educator for 43 years. She has taught at the high school and the community college levels. She was also the Director of Teacher Education for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.



City Offers Rain Garden Workshops

The Department of Public Works is offering a series of three free workshops for those who have thought about planting a rain garden but felt that they needed some help. The first workshop, Stormwater Audit, will be held January 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees will learn how to assess a property for stormwater problems and opportunities and how to site a rain garden.

On February 27, a workshop will feature a tour of local rain gardens so attendees can view displays and talk with local landscapers. The third, a Rain Garden Clinic on March 19, will allow attendees to get real-time help with rain garden design and a Rain Check Rebate application.

All workshops will be held at the Public Works Office, 555 Crescent Road; door prizes and refreshments will be included. To register go to: signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-rain.

Greenbelt Park Weekend Events

Sunday, January 17: Every Kid in a Park. Fourth graders, come and learn about our National Parks and how to get a free pass to National Parks. Meet at the Ranger Station at 12:30 p.m. Campfire Program: Campground guests and the public are welcome to gather under the stars for a traditional NPS campfire program at the Campfire Circle at 4 p.m.

Monday, January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Honor the legacy of Dr. King with a day of volunteerism and stewardship at Greenbelt Park. Meet at the Ranger Station at 9 a.m. for three hours of service. Call 301-344-3944 to sign up.

Saturday, January 23: The Baltimore-Washington Parkway: A Scenic Approach to the Capital. Program offers a description of the federal road constructed to link Baltimore with Washington, D.C. Opened in 1954, the parkway offers travelers an aesthetically scenic approach to the national capital from the north and the Maryland countryside. Serving government and military sites along its route, the parkway, which splits Greenbelt Park, has evolved over 50 years into a major commuter highway for suburban Maryland. Meet at the Ranger Station at 2 p.m.

Sunday January 24: Trail Walk on the Dogwood: Join a Park Ranger for a 1.4 mile trail walk. You will learn some of the basics for getting on the trails and explore an area popular with many visitors. Bring comfortable walking shoes and water. Meet at the Dogwood parking lot at 9 a.m.

Saturday, January 30: Talk in Trash with Sasha the Spider: Want to become a puppeteer? Talk in Trash is a play that helps children ages 8 to 12 learn about the animals that live in Greenbelt Park. Come and join us as a puppeteer to educate those interested in learning about the park. Meet at the Ranger Station Classroom at 11 a.m.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of January 18 are as follows:

Monday, January 18: Martin Luther King Holiday: All sites closed.

Tuesday, January 19: Cranberry juice, hamburger, lettuce and tomato, baked beans, coleslaw, wheat hamburger bun, mustard pack, peach crisp.

Wednesday, January 20: Grape juice, stuffed shells with meat sauce, kale, Italian bread, scalloped apples.

Thursday, January 21: Pineapple juice, baked chicken with gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, cornbread, peaches and pears.

Friday, January 22: Apple, navy bean soup with crackers, meatball sub, mixed green salad with Italian dressing, fresh fruit.

Kids Open Mic At New Deal Café

There will be a Kids Open Mic at the New Deal Café on Sunday, January 17 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Open Mic takes place on the third Sunday of every month. Those aged 17 and under are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

Performers should RSVP to Rebecca Holober at bbholober@comcast.net at least one day before the date of appearance. Include a brief bio that will be read as the performer is introduced (where performer is from, title of songs presented, musical influences, fun facts, etc.). Walk-ins are welcome.



Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Thursday, January 14, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic, hosted by James and Martha, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, January 15, John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Beggars Tomb, a groovin’ five-piece Grateful Dead jam band, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 16, Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Funk Master General will be laying down the beat with funky New Orleans “front line” jazz music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 17, join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Kids Open Mic from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Fez Tones Haffa offers up Middle Eastern music and belly dance from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, January 18, Reel and Meal from 7 to 9 p.m. A vegan buffet is offered from 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19, Poetry Mic Open Mic hosted by David Taylor Nielsen from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20, the New Deal Pub Quiz from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, January 21, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic, hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, January 22, Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Marv Ashbey & High Octane perform hard driving bluegrass music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.

Living with Beavers

Be part of a community service and learning event to protect trees from beavers and invasive species. Meet at 10:30 a.m. in Buddy Attick Park on Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service on Monday, January 18.

Dress warmly and wear closed-toe shoes. Bring a reusable water bottle and mug for free coffee and hot cocoa. For information, contact ejosephitis@greenbeltnmd.gov or 240-542-2168. This day of service is part of the Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project.

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Week of January 15

FRIDAY – SUNDAY

Star Wars: The Force Awakens, PG-13
11, 2, 4, 7:05, 9:30
Alvin & the Chipmunks: Road Chip, PG
11:20, 1:40, 3:55
The Revenant, R (!)
11:55, 3:15, 6:30, 9:15
Daddy’s Home, PG-13
11:35, 1:50, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40
The Forest, PG-13 (!)
11:15, 1:45, 5, 7:15, 9:55
Ride Along 2, PG-13 (!)
11, 11:45, 1:30, 2:10, 4, 4:40, 6:15, 6:45, 7:20, 8:40, 9:10, 9:50
Norm of the North, PG (!)
11:10, 1:30, 3:45, 7, 9

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY

Star Wars: The Force Awakens, PG-13
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Alvin & the Chipmunks: Road Chip, PG
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The Revenant, R
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Norm of the North, PG (!)
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THURSDAY

The 5th Wave, PG-13 (!)
Pre-Release
7
Dirty Grandpa, R (!)
Pre-Release
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Star Wars: The Force Awakens, PG-13
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Greenbelt Arts Center
COMING NEXT WEEK

ZOMBIE PROM



January 22- February 13
Friday and Saturday at 8:00
Sundays January 31 and February 7 at 2:00
Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$18 Students/Seniors/Military, \$14 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON
Enchanted April Auditions - Jan 31 - Feb 1
God: The One-Man Show - Feb 19 - 28 - Created by Rich Potter
Bad Jews - March 4 - 20 - Directed by Bob Kleinberg

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or **BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.

Obituaries

Sally Robbins

Longtime Greenbelt resident Sally Robbins died Christmas morning, December 25, 2015, in Johnson City, Tenn. Sally was widow to John and mother to Johnny, Randy, Kim and Elaine. She had nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sally and family moved to Greenbelt in 1955, first living on Crescent Road then moving to 21 Court Ridge Road. In late 1959 Sally and her family moved back to Tennessee but returned to Greenbelt in 1962, first living at 14-A Crescent Road then eventually moving to the brick apartments on Crescent Road.

Many may remember her as the feisty redhead who worked at the Greenbelt doctor's office in Roosevelt Center for 20 plus years. After she and John retired, they returned to Tennessee for the remainder of their days, but Sally's heart was always in Greenbelt. She used to tell her daughters as she aged that



Sally Robbins with daughters Elaine Robbins Greene, Kim Robbins Hewitt, and granddaughter Alicia Greene (right).

she would give anything to just walk down to the Center and sit and talk to everyone who went by just one more time. She was a true Greenbelter and will be missed.

In Memoriam

Joanne Scott Kennedy, 86, Dies

by Kathleen Scott McFarland

My sister, Joanne Scott Kennedy, died peacefully January 1, 2016, at her home in Toano, Va., at age 86, after being in hospice care for cancer for about six months. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, G. Robert (Bob) Kennedy; her children Charles Kennedy (Marina), Joan Kennedy, Nancy Byrd (Bob), Keyne Stanford (Rob), Catherine Steever (Dan), Rose Kennedy (Wade Slate) and Amy Witsil (Matt); 24 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; her sisters Rosemary Scott and me; and many loving nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her eldest daughter Mary Castle Little in 2011 and our brother Robert Scott, Jr. in 2008. Her funeral Mass was held on January 6 at St. Olaf's near Williamsburg, her parish church.

In the Williamsburg papers, there are headlines above Joanne's obituary, identifying her as a former librarian and book-reviewer and poet. She was all those things in later life; my memories are more personal. Some of them are recounted here.

Joanne was born to Greenbelt pioneers Mary and Robert L. (Red) Scott on February 5, 1929, in Charleston, S.C. She moved



PHOTO BY K. MCFARLAND

Joanne and Bob Kennedy

with our parents from Washington, D.C. to 4-G Southway in the new town of Greenbelt in April 1938. The middle child, she was 9 years old then; I was 10, our brother Robert almost 8. Joanne and I shared a bedroom in the Southway house and again when our family moved to a larger house with a basement at 7-K Crescent Road in 1942, after our little sister Rosemary had been

born.

At first we attended the new, progressive Greenbelt Center School. Joanne was in Mrs. Parker's class. Marilyn Maryn Spiegel has written about that inspiring teacher, who instituted a nature trail on the hill outside the school and started a store run by the children. Later, at Greenbelt High, Joanne was a member of the outstanding class of 1945. Looking through their yearbook, I realize that her later career as a writer might have been foretold; she was in the journalism club, was on the staff of the school newspaper the Pioneer, and was assistant editor of the yearbook, the Pylon. Joanne and our mutual friend Pat Brown were elected to the National Honor Society which had just been installed by the new, beloved principal, Mr. Speicher. Another name on that list is Jimmy McCarl, the dentist's son. Joanne had enrolled

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Our sympathies to Leonard Wallace, Jr. and his family on the death of JoAnn Wallace, his mother. Leonard and his family moved to Greenbelt in the late 1970s and his parents later returned to their native Kentucky.

Condolances to the family and friends of Sally Robbins who died on December 25, 2015.

Congratulations to the 24 drama students of Eleanor Roosevelt High School who participated in the Maryland State Thespian Festival and brought home first place honors in all six categories. The annual festival assembles the top theater programs from both public and private high schools across the state. ERHS was the only Prince George's County public school to attend. Festival attendees participated in workshops, collaborative events and competitions.

The Greenbelt Lady Raiders cheerleaders were awarded second place at the Ultimate Cheerstarz competition at Harford Community College in Belair, Md. last weekend. This was the first event that the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club cheerleaders participated in as a competitive team, with 17 girls competing.

Lucie MacKinnon, a former News Review staffer, is now living with her son Bruce and daughter-in-law Jessie in their home in Silver Spring. She would love to hear from or see her friends from Greenbelt. Call Bruce at 240-602-6520 to arrange a visit.

Share your accomplishments, milestones or news for the next Our Neighbors column. To send information for Our Neighbors,

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33 Court Ridge, units A-D, as they look today.

Homeschool Students Visit GATe in Community Center

by Li'l Dan Celdran

Greenbelt Homeschoolers visited Greenbelt Access TV (GATe) on Friday, January 8 where they learned about computer animation. Children ages 5 to 15 created animation using their imagi-

nations and various computer programs. Thanks to George Kochell and Malia Murray for hosting this fun field trip. Another trip to learn about video production is planned.



Photos by
Li'l Dan
Celdran

George Kochell shows students how to create computer animation at the GATe studio.



Seagulls at the lake

PHOTO BY STEVE SHEVITZ

Blood Donation Opportunities

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to make a lifesaving commitment to donate blood to help ensure a sufficient blood supply in the new year, beginning in January with National Blood Donor Month.

January is a challenging time for blood donations. Inclement weather can result in blood drive cancellations, and cold and flu season may cause some donors to be unable to make or keep blood donation appointments. National Blood Donor Month, celebrated in January since 1970, raises awareness of the need for blood during the winter and throughout the year, while honoring those who roll up a sleeve to help patients in need.

Local blood drives will be held at the following times and locations: January 22, 12:30 to 6 p.m., Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, or, same day and times, American Legion Post 217, 9218 Baltimore Avenue, College Park; January 27, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Bowie City Gymnasium, 4100 Northview Drive, Bowie; January 29, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Red Cross Club Stamp Student Union, Baltimore Avenue, College Park.

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before Sherer began his presentation. While she agreed the room needed Wi-Fi, she questioned the wisdom of trying to replicate the capacity of the council chamber. Sherer’s proposal made exactly that recommendation. Noting that the main reason council meets in the Community Center on Wednesdays is that CARES uses the council room on Wednesdays, he suggested swapping the locations and using the Municipal Building for all cablecasting. While councilmembers noted that conflicts with external meetings preclude moving the worksessions to other days, City Manager Michael McLaughlin reported that the CARES director says it would be possible to reschedule CARES’s Wednesday session to another night, if provided sufficient lead time.

The councilmembers did not agree that that eliminated the need for cablecasting capabilities in the Community Center. Mayor Emmett Jordan wanted the capability to broadcast other events at the Community Center. He likened the room to a corporate conference room and saw no need for a professional backdrop.

Sherer said that the room could be configured for presentations within the room, adding a podium with wallplate for the essential connections. The issue and cost are really related to having broadcast capability from the room. For full broadcast capabilities, he said, a control room would be needed.

Davis questioned where such a room would go. The two closets in the room are used by city groups and converting the kitchen to a control room would remove one of the purposes of the Multipurpose Room. Both Davis and Jordan questioned the need for duplicate control rooms. Palau noted that the remote system could be taken to the Community Center. Sherer added that it should be possible to broadcast live even without a control room.

Screens
Councilmembers had differing opinions on the proposed screens. While most seemed to like the front screen, which would make presentations viewed more easily by those in attendance, Councilmember Rodney Roberts said “I like the look of our council room.” Putting a giant TV screen behind council would take away from this look, he said.

Davis feared the screen in the back of the room could be distracting for council, which would be looking at itself. Sherer said the screen could be turned on only during presentations. Councilmember Edward Putens liked the idea of the rear screen.

Roberts objected to replacing operators with remote controlled cameras. Sherer said the city would still be able to use operator-controlled cameras, to which Roberts responded, “Why spend a lot of money for something we don’t want to use?” Jordan noted that Wednesday broadcasts would create more job opportunities.

Sound Quality
Councilmembers were very interested in how the proposal would affect sound quality. Several noted that they get citizen complaints that they cannot hear the discussions when watching on cable.

Sherer said that the proposal would place the microphones closer to the speakers, reducing feedback. The wireless microphones would be a combination of table top and gooseneck versions. The proposal also calls for separate volume controls to be used with feeds to Comcast, Verizon and the web-based Granicus platform to meet their requirements.

Other Capabilities
The system as proposed could be used for video conferencing, although it lacks two capabilities raised by councilmembers: the ability to view the presentation on their laptops or mobile devices and to share documents on their laptops. Sherer said these capabilities could be added for \$500 to \$1,000.

Next Steps
If council decides to move forward with the proposal, it will need to decide whether to use the Request for Proposal (RFP) approach, normally required for procurements over \$10,000, or to authorize a sole source contract with Design and Integration. McLaughlin said that he sees a lot of value in sticking with Sherer. Option 2, he said, would be to have Design and Integration draft the RFP.

A second issue is how to fund the project. Council budgeted \$50,000 toward the project in the Special Projects Fund and could either increase the appropriation from that fund to cover the cost or use funds from the Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) fee that it receives from the two cable providers. Both sources have sufficient funds to cover the work.

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in his series of forums in which he reaches out to his constituents to discuss race and economics. The first discussion, also well attended, was held in the Community Center last June.

Systemic Bias
Marsh and Isong addressed the overall biases they saw reflected in the statistics. African American youth have a lower graduation rate from high school than white youth. African American high school and college graduates have a lower employment rate than similarly educated white graduates while school suspension rates and incarceration rates are higher.

Marsh’s research at the University of Maryland focuses on the questions of the black middle class, but she also works closely with the Prince George’s County Police Department. Since last fall she has provided police training in inherent bias identification and is building a curriculum so the classes can continue without her.

Isong, who went to Springhill Lake Elementary School for part of her education, focuses on voter rights and criminal justice inequities, as well as high school and college challenges.

Both Washington and Barron have worked in Annapolis to address some of these issues. Washington introduced a Maryland bill that would limit a high school’s use of out-of-school suspensions to violent offenders. Non-violent suspensions would require offenders to perform community service and stay in the classroom.

Barron and his team have done extensive research into the Maryland penal system, looking at each piece from pre-trial to re-incarceration. Using a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, he said they’ve identified parts of the system that need to be changed and places where they could save money. He plans to use the research to change the system and use the saved money to support released prisoners so they won’t commit additional crimes.

Police
Stawinski said his goal is community policing where the police are part of the community. This would mean people know the patrol officers, though not necessarily because they’ve been stopped by one. The community approach has been working, he said. “Five years ago there were 40,000 incidents of crime. Last year there were about 20,000 incidents of crime,” he said.

More specific goals include body cameras, which the county expects to deploy on all 1,200 officers between July and October of this year. The hold up, he said, is not the cost of the cameras but the cost of collecting and

archiving the data so it can be accessed easily.

Stawinski also said the department runs a youth advisory committee and Explorers clubs for teens who are interested in possible police careers, as well as a citizen’s police academy for adults. Adults, he said, need to understand police procedure too.

Research
Greenbelter Melissa Ehrenreich asked how the county can provide more transparency. She said she tried to research issues such as suspension rates in the school system and found that such statistics aren’t reported by race.

The panelists agreed that such data needs to have a set of standards. It is difficult to compare jurisdictions, both on the local and the national front – including schools, cities, counties and states – because data do not line up with each other.

Stawinski in particular said he is frustrated by the lack of transparency this creates. He said it is not impossible to take care of, but it would cost money and the people controlling the purse strings need to decide what else they will do without.

At this point County Councilmember Todd Turner interjected to say he is working on getting federal funding, “so we won’t have to take away from something else.”

Economic Growth
On a positive note, Stawinski said new development is “beginning to impact crime in Prince George’s County.”

He cited the growth of the Woodmore Towne Centre in Landover, the Arts District in Hyattsville, National Harbor and possibly the FBI building in Greenbelt.

“At the end of the day,” he said, “you can’t police your way out of a high crime area; it is also about economics, opportunity and community.”

Conclusion
Washington closed the meeting by acknowledging that many of the problems of race and economics in Prince George’s County, and the country as a whole, will not be solved or even touched on, in one evening. However, he said, as a community we need to “aim high, be engaged and continue the conversation.”

Library Launches Discovery Centers

Prince George’s County Memorial Library System is rolling out themed children’s areas called Discovery Centers throughout the county. The Discovery Centers – which have different themes, such as castles or space – promote literacy by encouraging learning through creative play.

“As we renovate library branches, we’re designing and building colorful Discovery Centers that appeal to children much like children’s museums,” said Michael Gannon, chief operating officer of the library system. “They’re destinations for families where children can visit with their parents and grandparents.”

Prince George’s County Memorial Library System offers six Discovery Centers with two more under construction and three more in development. All are free as part of the library system.

The Discovery Centers feature colorful carpeting and walls, props and displays and child-friendly reading spaces. A bridge crosses a carpet moat in Beltsville Branch’s Discovery Castle area; a teddy-bear astronaut sits in a spaceship in Fairmount Heights Branch’s Discovery Space; and a child-size circus tent stands in Hillcrest Heights Branch’s Discovery Circus.

Other Discovery Centers include Discovery Treehouse at the Glenarden Branch, Discovery Glen at the South Bowie Branch and Discovery Farm at the Spauldings Branch.

In addition, the library system is building Discovery Reef at the New Carrollton Branch, scheduled for completion in late 2016 or early 2017, and Discovery Island at the Laurel Branch. Scheduled for completion in the fall of 2016, Discovery Island will include lighted dinosaur footprints, a glass floor exposing a full-size velociraptor skeleton replica, and two children’s seating areas, one within a large dinosaur rib cage and the other decorated with volcano lava and light effects.

“We’re designing our Discovery Centers to be bright, fun and irresistible to children, but they also serve a purpose,” Gannon said. “Outfitted with books, technology and early-literacy tools, they stoke children’s curiosity and help them learn to read, a basic ability that’s absolutely essential to their success as adults.”



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GHI Key Agenda Items:

- City of Greenbelt’s Interest in Acquiring 10A Crescent Road
- Permit Request for Installation of a Gardenside Deck at 33R Ridge Road
- Request to Retain an Existing Non-conforming, Unpermitted Door at 20Q Ridge Road
- Review Draft Fee Deferral Agreement
- Contract for Sewer and Storm Drain Line Replacement at 19L-M Ridge Road, 2nd Reading
- Schedule a Date to Revise Board’s 2015-16 Action Plan

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
December 30, 11:24 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A Safeway employee taking cash out of a self-checkout machine was approached from behind by a man who grabbed the money from the employee’s hand and attempted to flee. A brief struggle ensued and he fled on foot with the money. He is described as black, 5’7” to 5’8” tall, 160 to 180 pounds, wearing a white hooded sweatshirt, dark-colored jeans and black mask.

Assault
January 1, 12:09 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive. A 33-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with first-degree and second-degree assault after he allegedly stabbed a co-worker outside Willy K’s Bar and Restaurant during an altercation. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The injured person was transported to Washington Hospital Center for treatment.

Disorderly Conduct
December 31, 2:19 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A 34-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after officers responded to a report of a person acting suspiciously. He walked into the roadway in front of several vehicles and was forcibly taken into custody. He was released later on citation pending trial.

Theft
December 30, 6 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Two parcel packages were taken from the front stoop of a residence.

Fraud
December 31, 8 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A woman responded to an online ad for a job. Part of it entailed her receiving a check, depositing it into her account and then writing checks to two other people. After she did this, her bank informed her that the original check she deposited was bad.

Burglary
December 30, 11:30 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A laptop computer and religious statue were taken from a residence after entry was gained through an unsecured sliding glass door.

December 31, 4 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A laptop computer, notebook-type computer, jewelry, computer equipment and money were taken from a residence after entry was gained by breaking out a bedroom window.

Vehicle Crime
Two vehicles were stolen, a black 2004 Saturn Vue pickup with Md. tags 1CF1713, stolen from 6100 block Breezewood Drive, and a silver four-door 2011 Chevrolet Impala with Md. tags 8BT0205, taken from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway.

One stolen vehicle was recovered. A 2003 Nissan Maxima stolen from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway on January 1 was recovered the same day by Prince George’s County police in the 9200 block 4th Street in Lanham.

Four tires and rims were taken in the 6200 block Springhill Court.

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in the Commercial course, for those not intending to pursue a college degree, and became an excellent typist. But Mr. Speicher recognized her intelligence and potential and called our parents, urging them to make sure she went to college.

Joanne majored in English at the University of Maryland and met her future husband Bob Kennedy there, who was an engineering student from Baltimore. They married in 1949, just a few months after receiving their degrees, and started a family which grew to eight children: first a girl, then a boy, then six more girls.

Henry McFarland and I had married the same year, a few months earlier. Joanne was my maid of honor, I was hers. Amazingly, the McFarland family grew to the same composition as the Kennedy’s: a baby girl, a boy, then six more girls. The cousins almost match each other in age. But Joanne and Bob moved to Riverdale, then Bayonne N.J. and towns in Pennsylvania before settling in Williamsburg, Va., in 1961, while Henry and I stayed in Greenbelt. The cousins saw each other infrequently when they were young, but are making up for it with large family reunions in recent years.

When the kids were older, Joanne achieved a library degree and worked for some years as a research librarian at the Williamsburg Regional Library. After retiring, she had more time to write. I credit it all to email. I remember a day in the 1990s, when she wrote to me that she had joined a writing group called the Wren Writers. She asked me: Do you remember any of the dishes Mom cooked when we lived in D.C.?

What was that orchard’s name, where we went to pick grapes so she could make jelly? We both started thinking back, comparing notes, reliving our childhoods. We started writing essays, sharing them by email, exclaiming in wonder that we both picked the same subjects: the flowers in the back yard of the old rented house in Washington, the annual trips to our German grandparents’ farm in Pennsylvania, the move to Greenbelt.

Soon Joanne had a large chapter in a book published by the Wren Writers: “The 1940’s: Twelve Women Remember.” One photo in the book was of her and me and our childhood playmate Joyce Bates (now Mangum; she still lives in Greenbelt) getting our bunches of tiger lilies ready for sale. We didn’t know that they only lasted one day; we’d picked them in the ditch along old Greenbelt Road and sold them for 25 cents a bunch to the apartment dwellers.

Another of Joanne’s first books was an autobiography, 242 pages, called “Red and Mary and the Kids,” which has become a valuable resource for our families, especially the grandchildren. She also did research and wrote a small book about her husband’s family and a 69-page book about his service in the Merchant Marine during World War II, which has been of interest to many veterans.

In recent years, Joanne con-

centrated on her true love, poetry. Many of her poems have been published in literary magazines, and she has published three or four volumes of her own work. She even was elected Poet Laureate of Virginia a few years ago, a rotating month-long honor. Her poetry expresses her sensitive, inquisitive, humorous nature. One of my favorites is her poem about a subject that caught attention in Greenbelt in 2014 when Mr. Zugby highlighted it in his speech at my selection as outstanding citizen – airplane spotting in WWII. Joanne did it too, a few times; we were just teenagers. Her poem was published in the book “Vintage Wine and Good Spirits” by the Williamsburg Poetry Guild, 2000:

Airplane Spotter-1943
A little, closed-in shelter
on the roof above the movie house ...
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I climb the stairs with Mr. Beard
and Mrs. Smith.
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enemy aircraft, ours, Messerschmidts,
B-52s, Zeros small and swift
even on paper.
Binoculars ... you turn this knob?
Oh Lord, I can’t see anything
and something just flew over.
I think it was a Messerschmidt,
shall I mark it down?
I am 13
Joanne Scott Kennedy

Local Beech Tree Puppets To Perform January 24



Ingrid Cowan Hass and Ole Hass with Rainbow Crow.

On Sunday, January 24 at 2 p.m., Beech Tree Puppets bring their new show, Rainbow Crow Brings Daylight, to the New Deal Café. The show combines two American Indian creation stories from the Lenape and the Inuit tribes. Crow has been revered by many cultures throughout the ages. Follow Crow on his journey to the Sky Spirit, as he saves the animals and then travels to the Land of the Light. The show premiered in December 2015 at Greenbelt Elementary School as part of a two-year artists-in-residency, funded by the PTA, the GES Family Art Fund, and a grant from the Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council (PGAHC). This free performance at the New Deal Café is

sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt. The show, which is suitable for ages 4 to 104, lasts about 45 minutes. For more information, go to newdealcafe.com or beechtreepuppets.com.



Rainbow Crow Brings Daylight performance in December at Greenbelt Elementary School.



The Greenbelt Grasshopper

Have a joke or riddle you want to share? E-mail sfits7@gmail.com. Must be between the ages of 2 to 16.

Trivia Time: There are eight Universities and Colleges in Prince George’s County.

Riddle in the Middle: Q: What is put on a table and cut, but never eaten?

Joke of the Week: What did the mother broom say to the baby broom? Go to sweep, dear.

Riddle in the middle answer: A: a deck of cards

This Week’s Activity: Photo Scavenger Hunt

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Soil testing engineer Sam Turner, of the Soltesz Company, takes measurements in the settlement pond by the peninsula, before it flows into Greenbelt Lake.

Worried about the Future of the Earth?

A discussion group is forming on the book, Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We’re in without Going Crazy. This book gives specific ways to stay involved in life, even when much of what is happening in the world is discouraging. Joanna Macy, and her co-author Chris Johnstone, have developed strategies to help us to move past our despair and fear over the climate crisis and stay hopeful and active. The discussion group is co-sponsored by Greenbelt Climate Action Network.

We will have 8-9 sessions, probably twice a month but dates and frequency of meetings will be decided by the participants. For more information or to indicate interest, please leave a message at 301-474-1353 or contact marjory.donn@verizon.net.

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museum is a partnership between the city and the volunteer Friends of the Greenbelt Museum.

Some 30 volunteers worked in the city animal shelter administered by the Planning and Community Development Department. Although there have been expressions of interest for students to intern at the shelter, they have not been permitted to do so because of liability concerns.

Except for one intern, Police Department volunteers worked off-site in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. They assisted with city events such as National Night Out and the Labor Day Festival.

Cole-Faber surveyed how other communities dealt with coordinating volunteer activities. She cited in particular the City of Hyattsville which employs one full-time volunteer coordinator and is about to add a second staff person who would also work with seniors. In Howard County there is a volunteer center that operates as a non-profit, separately from the Columbia Association, which established it. The center maintains a database of volunteers and volunteer opportunities and provides training to volunteer managers.

In conclusion, Cole-Faber noted that all city department heads would like to utilize more volunteers, but they believe that each department needs to supervise its own volunteers. However, there could be better coordination in recruiting volunteers and preparing and signing necessary release forms. She offered three courses of action for council to consider: do nothing, establish a volunteer center as a separate organization or hire a coordinator of volunteers.

Council Reaction

Except for Rodney Roberts, who made no comment at the meeting, all councilmembers expressed support for creating the position of volunteer coordinator. Edward Putens urged council to continue funding Cole-Faber’s position until the new position could be funded and filled. Judith Davis felt that this proposal should be a matter of consideration in the upcoming budget and Silke Pope felt it was necessary for the city manager’s staff to put together a program before taking action. Konrad Herling felt consideration should be given to coordinating city volunteers with volunteers serving other organizations in the city and received support from a member of the audience, David Lange, who coordinates volunteers at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Mayor Emmett Jordan commended Cole-Faber’s report but noted that it did not include the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. He noted that this organization, partially funded by the city, is having difficulty in filling volunteer positions because of the extensive amount of time and training required.

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Kids Share Love of Comics

by Kyla Hanington



Anthony Hamm, Jr., Saniyah Ikard and Dina Patterson Cook at Artists' Alley at Greenbelt's Mini-Comic-Con 2016.

Ten-year-old Anthony Hamm, Jr., is currently working on Star Wars animation in which he draws his favorite characters as African-American. "I want kids to know black people can be leaders," Hamm said at Greenbelt's mini comic-con, held on Saturday at Greenbelt Library. "It is important to have black superheroes," he said, "like The Green Lantern, who I am dressed as today. The majority of people on TV are white and I want kids to know that black people are not always the second man."

Hamm, along with other students in George "Mister Geo" Kochell's comic and animation classes, were on hand to sign copies of the comics they designed, wrote, and drew over the seven weeks of class. Kochell said the comic-con was a success. "We autographed and gave away all 60 books printed for the

event, and I counted 78 visitors to the table!"

Saniyah Ikard has taken three such sessions from Mister Geo. Her mother, Jessica Banks, said Saniyah has learned a lot through the classes, including "legalities of copyrights, how to use speech bubbles" and more. Along with becoming a lot more confident in her drawing, Ikard "now wants to make comic books to help kids learn to read."

"Greenbelt has all these little gems right in this little town," said Catherine Hamm, Anthony Hamm Jr.'s mother. From Lan-

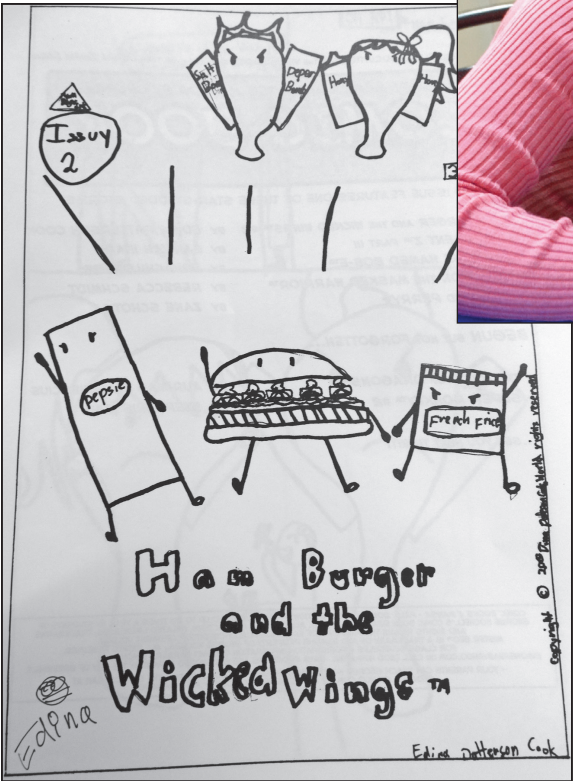
ham, the family comes to Greenbelt for classes such as the comic courses with Mister Geo. "Greenbelt has all these things. If you want to do something, you can actually do it here."

Another session of the comic class runs January 20 to March 2 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. For more information about the classes, contact Barbara Simon of the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts at simongava@yahoo.com or 301-474-2192.



Saniyah Ikard autographs her comic for a fan.

Photos by Kyla Hanington



An autographed comic by Edina Patterson Cook.

Start The New Year Right - Set up a Place to Compost

by Erin Josephitis



Beth Leamond, Alex Barnes and Lore Rosenthal dump the food scraps.

Any time of the year is the right time to start a compost pile if you haven't done so already. Composting is the oldest method for recovering natural resources through recycling. It is a natural process by which organic material decomposes into an excellent soil conditioner. On New Year's Eve, the Public Works Department sold 22 discounted compost bins to Greenbelt residents thanks to a grant through the Newspaper and Education Institute. Then, local businesses, including the New Deal Café, Co-op Supermarket and its produce department, and old Greenbelt Theatre rang in a zero waste New Year by separating recyclables from compostable and landfill waste. Thanks to the volunteers from those organizations for making the zero waste efforts possible.

A total of 60 pounds of food scraps were collected to be composted locally by volunteers. It wouldn't have been possible without Susan Barnett of the Zero Waste Circle who collected the food scraps late into the night on New Year's Eve. Finally, on Wednesday, January 6 a group of six volunteers gathered for a compost demonstration. To speed up the decomposition process, the food scraps were broken into smaller pieces using a shov-

el. Dead leaves and food scraps were added to the pile in layers. Within the next few months, the food scraps will be unrecognizable as the pile turns into high quality compost.

Some of the benefits of composting include keeping valuable natural resources from being treated as waste and going to landfills, improving soil quality by increasing water retention and drainage, conserving water, growing healthier plants, reducing chemical additives, saving money and reducing air pollution. Greenbelt residents who want to purchase a discounted compost bin may contact Erin Josephitis at ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov.



Beth Leamond shows how tubing provides aeration.



Food scraps in buckets.

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